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Echo of Rs. 2.27 crore cash loot case at Yelwal

File a case against complainants, orders Court

Mysuru, Dec. 28 (RK&BCT)- With twists and turns, the case of looting Rs. 2.27 crore from a Kerala-bound bus allegedly by Policemen at Yelwal reported in 2014, as former Prime Minister of United Kingdom Sir Winston Churchill said, seems to be a riddle wrapped in a mystery inside an enigma.

The Third Additional District and Sessions Court that had acquitted all the 11 accused in the case on Dec. 26, has now issued orders to book the complainants for filing a false case where the claim of Rs. 2.27 crore loot was made. The Court has also issued a notice to the Police as to how the gold seized in the case was handed over to the complainant without the knowledge of the Court.

The Court has ordered that a case against the complainant Sylalubiddin, a gold merchant from Kozhikode in Kerala be filed for giving a false complaint. According to complainants' advocates Mahadev Deshak and Rohit, the Court has directed the Lower Court to book the complainant Sylalubiddin and two other complainants for wasting the Court's time by filing a false complaint and giving false evidence.

Deshak told *Star of Mysore* this morning that the Court has directed a case to be booked under Section 340 of CrPC (false witness and relating to documents given in evidence).

In their complaint, Sylalubiddin and two others had said that apart from Rs. 2.27 crore, there were two gold bars that were kept under the seat of the bus driver. The gold bars were recovered from the bus, according to the complainants.

The complainants had stated that they had bought three gold bars from Dubai and had managed to sell only one gold bar in Bengaluru and had given the other two gold bars to the bus driver to take them to Kerala.

Deshak said that while acquitting all the 11 accused, the Court had observed that the complainants had not submitted any evidence to substantiate their claims of gold purchase in Dubai and the sale in Bengaluru.

Deshak said that at the time of investigation, the Investigating Officer (the then Circle Inspector of Mysore South) Thippannanavar had given back the two gold bars that were recovered from the bus to the complainants.

"The Court has also issued notice to the Police seeking explanation on how the gold bars were returned to the complainants when the case was still being investigated," he said.

On Jan. 3, 2014, the Mysuru Police got information that crores of rupees was being transported from Bengaluru to Kerala in a bus named 'Kalpaka' (KA-01-AA-2793).

(See CASE on page 8)

Thalassery-Kodagu-Mysuru Railway Line

No decision yet on project, Minister tells Lok Sabha

New Delhi, Dec. 28- The Centre has clarified that no decision has been taken till date on the new Railway line that will connect Thalassery and Mysuru, cutting through the reserve forests and protected areas of Kodagu and Mysuru districts.

Making a submission in the Lok Sabha on this project that has generated widespread resentment and agitation in Kodagu, Minister for Railways Piyush Goyal has stated that both Kerala and Karnataka governments had taken a few decisions.

The Minister was responding to a question raised by Mullapally Ramachandran on Dec. 20 where he had asked whether the Governments of Kerala and Karnataka have entered into any understanding or an agreement regarding Thalassery-Mysuru Railway line.

Piyush Goyal

The MP wanted to know whether the Railway Board has held any discussion with the Government of Kerala in Thiruvananthapuram recently in this regard and whether the Railway Board has deputed the Konkan Railway Corporation for the feasibility study of the Railway line.

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Replying to the MP, Minister Goyal said, "Permission to survey would depend upon the type of survey to be conducted and so, Kerala should send a proposal to Karnataka. If it entails no disturbance of wildlife areas, the Forest and Revenue Departments would assist Kerala to conduct the survey. Once the survey is done and it is seen that the line does not disturb wildlife and is environmentally feasible, then further action with regard to formation of the SPV (Special Project Vehicle) can be taken."

Goyal stated that the **project was found economically unviable as per a feasibility report** prepared by the Delhi Metro Rail Corporation Ltd., which was earlier entrusted by the Kerala government to prepare the Detailed Project Report (DPR).

(See PROJECT on page 8)

Anant Kumar Hegde says sorry for Constitution remark

New Delhi, Dec. 28- Putting to rest the controversy surrounding his remarks on the Constitution, Union Minister of State for Skill Development and Entrepreneurship Anant Kumar Hegde tendered an apology this morning. "My words have been twisted. I have never said anything like that. If someone was hurt by my comments, I tender an apology,' Hegde said in Lok Sabha.

Anant Kumar Hegde

"I deeply respect the Constitution, Parliament and Baba Saheb Ambedkar. The Constitution is supreme for me, there can be no question of it, as a citizen I can never go against it," he said.

The Minister had kicked up a major controversy by claiming the BJP will change the Constitution and remove the word "secular" from it. Speaking at an event in Koppal district on Dec. 24, Hegde had said he respects the Constitution, but "it will be changed in days to come". "We are here for that and that is why we have come," he had said.

He had said he would feel happy if someone "claims with pride" that he is a Muslim, or a Christian, or a Lingayat, or a Brahmin, or a Hindu.

"I feel happy because he (the person) knows about his blood, but I don't know what to call those who claim themselves secular. Those who, without knowing about their parental blood, call themselves secular, they don't have their own identity. They don't know about their parentage, but they are intellectuals," he had said.

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Mysuru, Thursday 28th December 2017

Addicts and administration

Governments, both at the Centre and in the States are in a state of overdrive passing Laws and scripting Acts with the laudable aim of reining in the undisciplined mass of 130-plus crore headcount in the country. The more the Laws and Acts, the more the indiscipline of people across the entire cross section of society. The Legislature continues merrily in its law-framing pastime as it were and the law-keepers are pretending to be at the throat of the offending sections, only earning space in the crime columns of dailies reporting incidents of nabbing the ill-behaving public, collecting fines and taking to the Courts for a verdict of punishment. If only the land's people at large emulated their counterparts in countries well-marked for their much-avowed orderly conduct in public spaces, India can substantially shrink outlay on law-keeping staff and also reduce the stress on Courts, apart from enabling the administration to focus on more rewarding economic pro-people activities. Addictions such as gambling and drinking have laid the governments low in their efforts to reform the addicts.

The part played by teachers of schools at primary and secondary levels in the days gone-by can be cited in the context of moulding young minds to imbibe the virtues of orderly behaviour and right thoughts and actions. Mentors in society, such as in Mysuru of yesteryears, too have played a stellar role in shaping the members of society to be on track. The Law Courts and law-keeping machinery are only closing the stables after the horses have fled as it were.

The nation's Apex Court has apparently begun to function as an extended arm of administration, if one considers the many recent verdicts of the Court reported in the dailies which virtually have sounded like orders issued by the Executive, the third pillar. Only a PIL filed by any citizen, in the role of an ombudsman, is sufficient to obtain such orders from the Apex Court. Movies and shows on the small screen have often been on its scanner, the issue being what should be the quality of the shows influencing society. One such outcome has been prohibiting advertisements of alcoholic drinks in public spaces. Next topic chosen by the government has been arresting the smoking habit, an *addiction* of millions of people in the country. While the Karnataka government was proposing enhancement of the area of pictorial warning on cigarette packages to 85 %, the High Court of Karnataka has declared the move as unconstitutional, which may warm the hearts of the tobacco addicts.

The tobacco addicts are unlikely to give up their fag whatever measure the government takes to arrest the habit. Their ideal can be Mark Twain who said that giving up smoking was the easiest action because he had done it so many times.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

The contrast between India and developed countries is stark. They don't worship their cattle but there is none to be seen astray on their streets. They are all in farm sheds, well fed and looked after. If I were a cow worshipper, I would make it a serious criminal offence for someone to allow his cattle to roam city streets unattended and also consider it my God-given duty to put every single cow, particularly the aged and infirm which have been put out to grass by their owners, in socially or publicly funded goshalas. As anybody with a minimum knowledge of India's public finances will know, the money needed is not the issue, finding enough socially-committed volunteers is. The last thing you should do, as is being done, is to put goshalas in the hands of government servants. For them it is just another job. There can be more than one explanation for this contradiction between worship and simultaneous social neglect of the cow. To kill is a sinful act of commission, to neglect is an act of omission which does not attract religious sanction. Building up public hysteria over killing a cow is a way of getting votes. Who cares if the cow eats rubbish and plastic and harms itself. No law-enforcer will catch you for allowing that. — *Subir Roy in Business Standard.*

NEWS SPARKLERS

Alcohol in the air

Annapolis: A group of fraternity members in Bethesda, Maryland recently gave the phrase "drink the air" a literal meaning, after staging a monster party so Flex by alcohol that the air in the venue tested positive on a police breathalyzer.

Last month, Montgomery County Police officers raided a home in an upscale neighborhood of Bethesda after receiving several complaints from neighbours, and broke up what must have been one hell of a party. Court documents show that the officers found insulated windows, plastic bags full of beer cans and the floors sticky with spilled booze. The ambient air inside the suburban house was tested with at least one breathalyzer and registered a positive result of 0.1. It was later revealed that the rented house had hosted a "Tequila Tuesday" party organized by six members of the Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity, all students at the private American University. They have been charged with 126 counts each of allowing underage possession of alcohol and furnishing alcohol to a minor, and now face fines of up to $315,000.

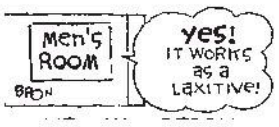
Glowing plants

London: MIT researchers have made an important breakthrough in their quest to make plants that glow in the dark a reality. In what they call Plant Nano bionics, the engineers embedded nano particles into the leaves of a watercress plant that caused the plants to give off a dim glow for three and a half hours.

Their next goal is to create plants bright enough to illuminate a workspace, but, if successful, the technology could also be used to transform trees into self-powered streetlights, the scientists claim. The team's ultimate goal is to engineer plants to replace many of the functions currently performed by electrical devices and appliances. "The vision is to make a plant that will function as a desk lamp — a lamp that you don't have to plug in. The light is ultimately powered by the energy metabolism of the plant itself," said Michael Strano, the Carbon P. Dubbs Professor of Chemical Engineering at MIT and the senior author of a recently released study on plant nano bionics.

HEALTH CAPSULE by Bron Smith

Which health conditions do amla berries treat?



The amla berry (Indian gooseberry) has been called the wonder berry. It has been used to treat the common cold, reduce fevers, prevent ulcers and treat indigestion. It is a diuretic, a laxative, a liver tonic and an analgesic.. and that's just the short list. Available at Indian markets or online.

**Health Capsules is not intended to be of a diagnostic nature.*

Excel in quiz contest

B.L. Manushreshta and Prajwal, 10th standard students of Mahajana Public School, who participated in the inter-school quiz competition organised at Police Public School here recently, bagged second place in the competition. The prize winners are seen with K. Jayaprada, Co-ordinator, M.S. Rajeshwari Iyer, Principal and Channabasava, Assistant teacher.

Selected for State-level contests

Prize-winning students are seen with Vijaya Vittala PU College Principal H.Satyaprasad, lecturers S.S. Ramesh and S.Lingaraju.

Mysuru, Dec.28-Students of Vijaya Vittala PU College have won many prizes in the Divisional Co-curricular contests organised by the Department of PU Education, Mysuru District and have been qualified to take part in State-level contests. In first PUC section, P. Pallavi has won first prize in Kannada essay writing, Samanvi S. Swamy has won first prize in drawing. In second PUC section, T.S. Srinidhi and B.K. Chirag have won third prize in Quiz.

Really...?

- ***Chess was invented in India. The original word for "chess" is the Sanskrit chaturanga, meaning "four members of an army"— which were mostly likely elephants, horses, chariots and foot soldiers.***

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VOICE OF THE READER

Dumping of construction wastes

Sir,

The building construction wastes are being dumped near the Park or roadside in M-Block, Kuvempunagar and almost every area of Mysuru.

Mysuru City Corporation has got all the authority to penalise those persons who are (constructing houses) dumping wastes near the public park or roadside which is causing health hazard.

Hope the MCC will penalise such activities immediately. This will help Mysuru to retain its title of cleanest city.

— **R. Gopinath**
Kuvempunagar
25.12.2017

Coffee Board launches soil testing centre at Gonikoppal

Mysuru, Dec. 28- Thousands of farmers in South Kodagu now look forward to better yield as Gonikoppal gets a new digital soil testing centre. The Coffee Board launched the testing centre last week following demands of farmers and growers.

Earlier, farmers of Virajpet taluk had to travel 50 to 70 kms to give soil for testing centres at Chettalli and Koodige and both the centres are in Somwarpet Taluk. Farmers in Virajpet were deprived of a testing centre.

Coffee Board Senior Liaison Officer said it took two hours to find the potential of hydrogen (PH) value of soil and five hours to find nitrogen, phosphorus and potassium (NPK) in soil.

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This is with reference to the Public Notice published in Star of Mysore dated 26-10-2017 with respect to the Schedule Property. It is to be informed to the general public that, the name and address of the owner of the Schedule Property was wrongly mentioned in the said Public Notice. The said Public Notice may be read as follows :

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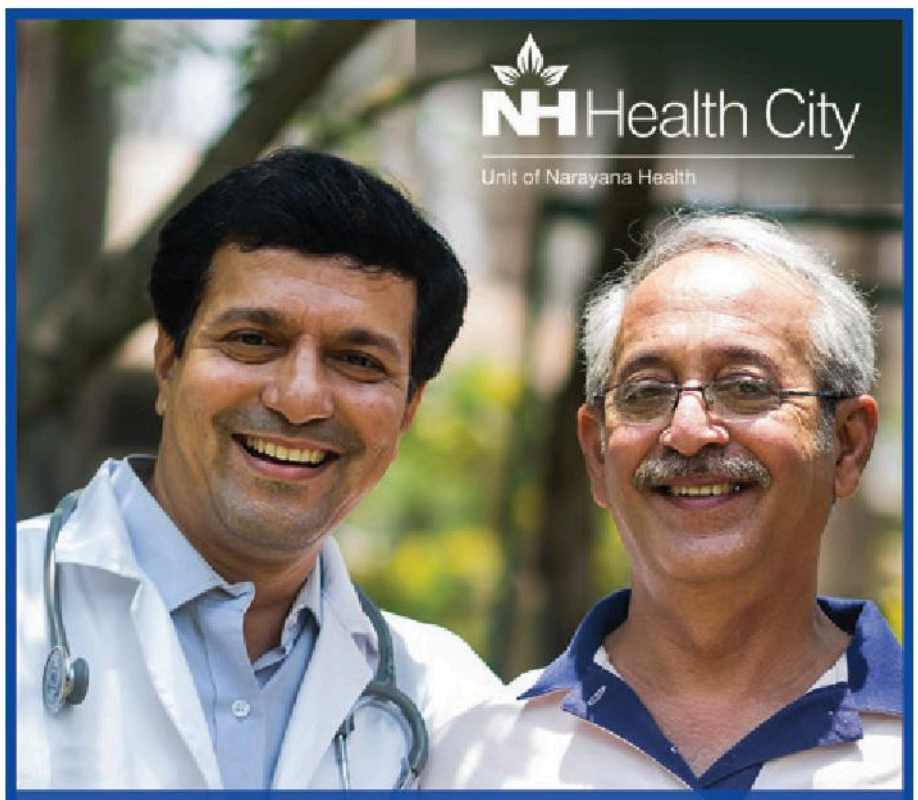

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NEWS BRIEFS

Two-day workshop

National Service Scheme, University of Mysore and Maharani's Science College will be jointly organising a two-day workshop on 'Personality Development and Life Skills' from Dec. 29 at the College's AV Hall from 10 am.

Suttur Mutt to conduct de-addiction camp

Suttur Mutt and JSS Mahavidyapeeta will be conducting its 8th free de-addiction camp at Sargur in H.D. Kote taluk from Dec. 29 to Jan.7 at Sri Shivarathreeshwara Shivanubhava Mandira. Only 150 people will be allowed to participate in the camp. Participants must bring their own clothes and blanket. For details, contact Sri Mahadevaswamy of Maduwala Mutt on Mob: 94815 28665 or Sri Channabasava Swamy of Chunchanahalli and Naviluru Mutt on Mob: 94818 15298, according to a press release.

Story-telling

Kalasuruchi has organised story-telling for kids by B. Balakrishnaiah, State Resource Person, Department of Education, Mysuru on Dec.30 from 4.30 pm to 5.30 pm at Suruchi Rangamane, # 476, Chitrabhanu Road, Kuvempunagar. For details, contact Ph: 0821-2541795 or Mob: 92435-81097.

Last day for voter registration

Tomorrow (Dec.29) is the last day for registration of fresh voters who have attained the age of 18 years as on Jan.1, 2018. Accordingly those who have born on or before Jan.1, 2000 can apply in Form-6, along with the required documents, for voter registration at the respective polling booths in Narasimharaja, Chamaraja and Krishnaraja Assembly constituencies of the city. For more details, contact the election branch of the MCC, according to a release.

Animals' adoption

The following persons have adopted the animals of Sri Chamarajendra Zoological Gardens (Mysuru Zoo) under 'Adoption of Animals' scheme by paying the adoption fee: Chaitra VeerarajeUrs, Mysuru -Love Bird: Rs.1,000, Suma Chandrashekar, Bengaluru-Silver Pheasant: Rs.3,500, B.V.Rajalakshmi, Bengaluru -Silver Pheasant: Rs.3,500, S.R. Savi, Bengaluru -Indian Cobra: Rs.2,000, Aditya Rritam, Maharashtra -Giant Indian Squirrel: Rs.7,500, Shankar Ramakrishnan, Thane- West White Peacock: Rs.3,500, R. Gowtham Raj, Mysuru -King Cobra: Rs.3,500, J.K.Vinutha, Mysuru- King Cobra: Rs.3,500, J.K. Vikram, Mysuru -King Cobra: Rs.3,500, P. Kushi, Mandya -Love Bird: Rs.1,000, 34 Dy. SP Batch, Karnataka Police Academy-Rusty Spotted Cat: Rs.5,000.

FORTHCOMING ASSEMBLY ELECTIONS

Veena Achaiah of Congress likely from Virajpet

K.G. Bopaiah looking to shift to Madikeri Constituency?

Veena Achaiah K.G Bopaiah

Madikeri, Dec.28- With the Assembly polls just a few months away, hectic political activities have begun in all the three major political parties in Kodagu district.

In the changed political scenario, former Speaker and sitting Virajpet MLA K.G. Bopaiah is said to be planing to change base to neighbouring Madikeri constituency for the 2018 Assembly polls.

Bopaiah, who is from Arebhashegowda community, is mulling on contesting from Madikeri constituency as Virajpet segment, which he currently represents, has Kodava community in dominance.

As the Congress is planning to give ticket to Veena Achaiah, who is from Kodava Community, Bopaiah seems to be reluctant to contest again from Virajpet as there is a likelihood of majority of Kodavas voting for probable Congress candidate Veena Achaiah.

In another interesting development, the Sangh Parivar is said to be unhappy with current Madikeri MLA and former Minister Appachu Ranjan.

The Sangh Parivar is said to be upset with Appachu Ranjan as he failed to take up development works on expected lines. The Parivar leaders are also said to have complained to BJP National President Amit Shah about Ranjan's failure to develop the constituency.

Even as uncertainty persists about Appachu Ranjan getting the party ticket, with Sangh Parivar leaders revolting against him, the MLA's next move is being closely observed in political circles of the district.

If Ranjan is denied the party ticket, then who will get the party ticket is the question that has been haunting the minds of BJP leaders of the district, it is learnt.

Sangh Parivar leaders and electorate are satisfied with my work: Appachu Ranjan

Appachu Ranjan

Even as speculations are doing the rounds in BJP circles that Appachu Ranjan may be denied the party ticket this time, the current Madikeri MLA and former Minister has said that he maintains a good relationship with Sangh Parivar leaders and the leaders were satisfied with his work as a Legislator.

Dismissing reports in a section of the Press on his chances of getting the BJP ticket for the forthcoming Assembly polls, Ranjan claimed that he had developed his Madikeri Assembly segment by spending Rs.1,800 crore while the BJP was in power in the State.

He further said that as demanded by JD(S) leader B.A. Jivijaya, he (Ranjan) brought out a white paper on the Rs.1,800 crore development works that he had undertaken.

Claiming that he played a key role in the establishment of Sainik School, an Engineering College and Medical College in Kodagu, Ranjan said that the Government Medical College is coming up at a cost of Rs.130 crore on the land reserved by him for the purpose.

Further listing his achievements, Ranjan said that the DC's office has been built at a cost of Rs.16 crore and the construction of Court complex at a cost of Rs.46 crore is under progress.

Maintaining that he was instrumental in bringing Morarji School to Madikeri, Ranjan said that his works have been lauded in neighbouring Virajpet constituency as well.

Reiterating that neither Sangh Parivar leaders nor the people of the constituency have expressed displeasure about him, Ranjan asserted that he would continue to do his best for the constituency.

Assembly polls: Speculations rife on A.R. Krishnamurthy joining Congress

Krishnamurthy

Chamarajanagar, Dec.28 (Siddalingaswamy)- Speculations on whether former MLA and BJP leader A.R. Krishnamurthy will remain in the party or cross over to the Congress, has gained ground in Chamarajanagar district.

Krishnamurthy, who was elected from erstwhile Santemarahalli constituency two times, has stayed away from BJP's activities for the past couple of months, thus giving rise to speculations that he may crossover to the Congress before the 2018 Assembly polls.

However, ARK, as he is popularly known, has himself not spoken anything about his future political plans.

Krishnamurthy, the son of former Minister and highly-respected late Dalit leader B. Rachaiah, has been out of power ever since he lost the Assembly poll to R. Dhruvanarayan by a single vote over 10 years ago.

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However, Chief Minister Siddharamaiah is keen on admitting the son of his mentor B. Rachaiah, to the Congress.

The CM is said to have spoken to Congress MLAs from the district, R. Narendra and Puttarangashetty, seeking their opinion on admitting ARK to the Congress.

Even ARK's mother Gowramma B. Rachaiah is said to have spoken to Siddharamaiah on taking her son to the Congress fold.

However, ARK's admission to the Congress has hit a roadblock, as sitting Kollegal Congress MLA S. Jayanna has strongly opposed ARK's entry to the Congress, as it may hurt his (Jayanna) prospects of getting the party ticket again to contest from Kollegal.

Ticketless travel: Railways collect Rs. 78,120 as fine

Mysuru, Dec.28- The Mysuru Division of South Western Railways (SWR) has cautioned rail commuters against ticketless travel. This follows a ticket-checking drive held last week during which 272 cases were booked and Rs. 78,120 was collected in fines.

The checking was done between Kadakola and Ashokapuram Railway Stations on the Chamarajanagar-Bengaluru Passenger, and 83 persons were booked for offences such as travelling without ticket, travelling in coaches reserved for women, and travelling on footboard.

They were produced in a makeshift Court room and the Special Judicial Magistrate (Railways) imposed fines up to Rs.9,750 on the offenders. The drive was organised jointly by Commercial and Security branches by deploying 27 ticket-checking staff, nine commercial branch staff and 35 Railway Protection Force staff led by Yashod Kumar. Divisional Commercial Manager S.G. Yathish and Assistant Commercial Manager Mysuru Division Kenchanaika were present.

Yathish has cautioned that checks against ticketless travel and other irregularities would be stepped up throughout the Division in the coming days. He has urged the passengers to always travel with proper authority so as to avoid being penalised which may include imprisonment.

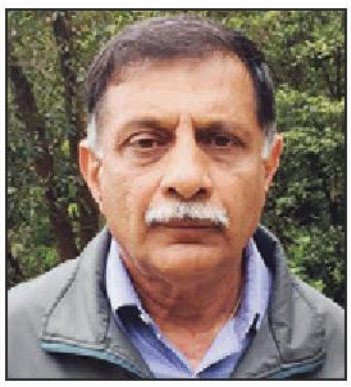
Railway Line via Kodagu

will decimate local populace, culture

Madikeri, Dec. 28- The proposed two Railway Lines (Thalassery-Mysuru via South Kodagu and Hunsur-Periyapatna-Kushalnagar-Madikeri-Mangaluru) cutting across the green and ecologically sensitive Kodagu district will completely destroy the environment and will result in a major influx of Keralites into Kodagu. Already a sizable number of Keralites live in Kodagu and they are controlling the economy of Kodagu and the Railway line will make the district an appendage of Kerala, said Col. Cheppudira P. Muthanna, President, Coorg Wildlife Society.

Addressing a press conference in Madikeri on Dec. 26, he said that the original inhabitants of Kodagu will be threatened by the migrants from Kerala and it would be a struggle to keep the traditional culture alive. Added to the menace of migration, environment will be destroyed and the local population will be decimated, he said.

"Already, Malayalam is the second most-spoken language in Kodagu and a large number of Keralites have registered as voters. They also control local politics and some of the Gram Panchayats have their meetings in Malayalam. **People of Kodagu must understand that the main objective of the Railway Line is to flood Kodagu with Keralites so that after some years, elected representatives will be Keralites and finally there will be a demand to merge Kodagu with Kerala.** This is the reason why the CPM Government in Kerala is insisting on Thalassery-Mysuru Rail line through Kodagu instead of Nilambur-Nanjangud Line," he claimed.



Col. C.P. Muthanna

Armed with information obtained through RTI, Col. Muthanna said that the Railway line will run from Thalassery and pass through Wayanad in Kerala and enter Kodagu at Kutta; pass through Balele-Nittoor-Kanoor and head towards Thithimathi; pass through Nagarahole National Park to reach Panchavalli and to Periyapatna.

"The plan is to go underground in the forest areas so that the project is cleared by Forest Department and the Environment Ministry.

The total cost of the project will be Rs. 6,685 crore with Railways investing 49% and Karnataka and Kerala sharing 51%. This implies that Karnataka will spend about Rs. 1,800 crore," he said.

The project has been designed by Elattuvalapil Sreedharan, famous as E. Sreedharan, the former Chairman of Delhi Metro Railway Corporation. He had also suggested another route from Nilambur in Kerala to Nanjangud but the CPM Government in Kerala has insisted on the Railway line through Kodagu.

"**K.C. Venugopal**, MP from Kerala, who is the Karnataka Congress in-Charge, discussed the Railway line with Karnataka CM Siddharamaiah and subsequently, the Chief Secretary of Kerala and other officials from Kerala met the Chief Secretary of Karnataka and the project got its momentum," he said and added, "We strongly condemn the action of Venugopal for misusing his office to push a destructive project through Kodagu for Kerala's benefit."

"The project will destroy lakhs of trees in Kodagu, destroy houses and coffee estates and will further increase the human-elephant conflict. Ultimately, River Cauvery will go dry. Since the past two years, more than 50,000 trees have been cut in Kodagu to make way for the 400 KV Mysuru-Kozhikode high-tension power lines and as a result, many wells in Kodagu went dry even during monsoon season," he narrated.

"**The Railway Line to Kodagu is similar to the Railway Line from China to Tibet where the main objective is to flood Tibet with Han Chinese and totally marginalise the people of Tibet**," he said.

The second Railway project is the Mysuru-Hunsur-Periyapatna-Kushalnagar-Madikeri-Mangaluru line. "People, who are thinking that this line is only up to Kushalnagar, must realise that MP Pratap Simha's questions in Parliament have confirmed that this line is up to Makkandur near Madikeri and from there it will be up to Mangaluru. This will again destroy the ecology and deal a deadly blow to River Cauvery," he opined.

Cheppudira Ponnappa, former President of Kodava Samaja-Ponnampet, Iynanda Mandanna, President, Ponnampet Ex-Servicemen's Association, Kaibulira Harish, President, Kodagu Growers Federation, Nikkie Ponnappa of Coorg Wellness Foundation, C. Sherry Subbaiah of Kodagu Growers Federation, Smaran Subash, Committee Member, Amma Kodava Samaja, Pawan Aiyappa of Clean Coorg Initiative and Jammada Mohan of Kodagu Growers Federation were present.

Steps taken so far

- Environmental groups have met Railway Board Chairman Ashwani Lohani in New Delhi and he has stated that the Railway line can be cancelled if Karnataka objects.
- They have written to Railway Minister Piyush Goyal conveying the message that the Railway line would be totally against the wishes of the people and a violation of social justice.
- MLC Veena Achaiah and former MLC Arun Machaiah have promised to take up the matter with the CM.
- Yamuna Chengappa, President of Kodagu BJP Women's wing, has approached the Gram Panchayats of Kutta, Balele, Nittoor, Kanoor, Nalkeri and Ponnappasanthe to oppose the survey for the Railway line. They have all passed resolutions to oppose the project.
- Sherry Subbaiah, Secretary of Kodagu Growers' Federation has taken up the matter with the Thithimathi and Devarapura Gram Panchayats and they have also passed similar resolutions.
- Iynanda Jappu, senior member of BJP, has agreed to take a delegation to MP Pratap Simha to use his good offices to impress upon the Railway Minister to drop the project.

FUTURE PLANS

- Meeting Karnataka Minister K.J. George and former Minister T. John (both Congress leaders have their roots in Kodagu) urging them to write to Kerala CM to cancel the destructive project.
- Convincing Taluk Panchayat (Virajpet) and Zilla Panchayat to pass resolutions against the project.
- Organising a series of protests if the Govt. does not respond.

Multi-lane National Highways through Kodagu

- Mysuru-Kodlipet-Suntikoppa-Madikeri-Gonikoppal-Kutta-Manandawadi
- One branch of this Highway will connect Madikeri to Mangaluru Highway
- Paanathur-Bhagamandala-Madikeri
- Mattanur-Gonikoppal-Thithimathi- Hunsur-Mysuru

These Highways have been planned as four-lane Highways that will cause huge destruction to green cover in Kodagu. National Highways in Kerala have only two lanes with a minimal width of less than 7 meters. But when the Highways connect to areas outside Kerala they want four-lane Highways of more than 30 meters width. All National Highways through Kodagu must be restricted to two-lane with maximum width of 7 meters tarred surface and one meter without tarring on both sides.

New guidelines for Railway projects in forest lands

New Delhi, Dec. 28- The new guidelines from the Ministry of Environment and Forests (MoEF) is clear that any new Railway track or doubling project will attract provisions of forest and wildlife laws. This rule will hold good even for those forest lands that are owned by the Railway Department.

These guidelines will have far-reaching and positive effects on new as well as ongoing Railway projects in Mysuru, Chamarajanagar and Kodagu comprising the tiger reserves of Bandipur and Nagarahole.

According to Naresh Kumar, Deputy Inspector General of Forests, Forest Conservation Division, MoEF, these guidelines will see application of both Forest (Conservation) Act, (FCA) 1980 and Wildlife Protection Act, (WPA) 1972 on forest lands falling in the Right of Way (RoW) of the Railways in the light of Railway Act, 1989.

He states, "Till date, Railways have insisted that forest and wildlife laws are not applicable to forest lands falling in the RoW and they have the power to acquire and divert forest lands under Section 11 (a) of Railway Act, 1989. We have been clarifying that both the Acts are applicable for diversion of forest lands for non-forestry purposes irrespective of the ownership of forest lands. This land owned by the State cannot be acquired and transferred to the Railways under Section 11 (a) of Railway Act, 1989 without following the provisions of FCA and WPA."

The Law Ministry too has opined that though the Railway Department can construct and maintain a Railway line on any land, however, as far as forest land was concerned, it would attract provisions of FCA. But projects passing through the areas linking one preserved area or tiger reserve with another cannot be allowed for ecologically unsustainable use, except in public interest with approval of National Wildlife Board.

Welcoming the new guidelines for the implementation of Railway projects in forest lands, forest officials say this will clear the prevailing confusion on forest lands in possession of the Railways.

This will also play a crucial role in conserving the remaining forest habitat and protecting critical wildlife habitats through which many Railway projects have been implemented while many new ones are proposed.

Habitat destruction

MoEF admits that Railway projects passing through sanctuaries/parks/tiger reserves amounts to destruction of habitat as per Section 29, 35 (6) and 38 (O) (1) (g) of Wildlife Protection Act 1972.

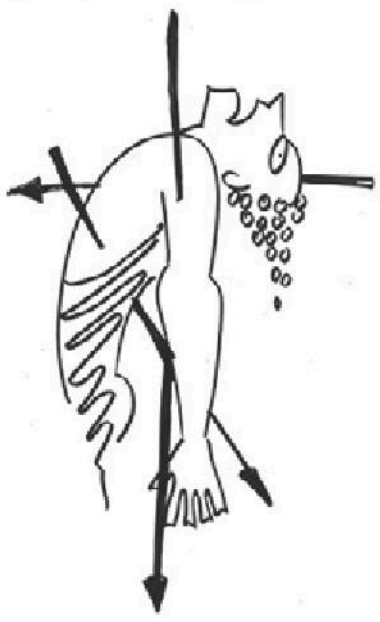
- Railways cannot acquire forest land under Railway Act, 1989
- Prior approval is needed as per FCA, 1980
- State government cannot assign/allot forest lands without MoEF approval
- Wildlife protected areas will require National Wildlife Board clearance.

Decoding Mythology

Dr. Devdutt Pattanaik - Author, Speaker, Illustrator, Mythologist

How Devdutt Saved Buddhism

Buddha had a cousin who often argued with him and opposed him. His name was Devdutt, or Devadatta. He was also Buddha's brother-in-law. People often ask me if I was named after this anti-Buddha. But I was not. I was named Devdutt because my mother liked the meaning, 'gift of god'. It also happens to



be the name of Arjuna's conch and Narada's lute. Dutta, the hermit son of Atri and Anasuya, visualised with a trident, a cow and four dogs, is often called Dutt-dev or Dev-dutt.

The Buddhist 'gift of god' had problems with the 'awakened one', who was once his cousin, Siddhartha Gautama of the Sakya clan. And there are many stories where Devdutt is presented as the antagonist to establish the Buddha's character, and amplify his wisdom. While Devdutt is as charismatic and capable as the Buddha, his jealousy pulls him down, makes him the lesser of the two.

When they were children, Devdutt shot a swan, but the Buddha nursed the swan back to health, arguing that one who cannot give life must not take life. He wanted the monks to live a more austere life but Buddha believed in moderation. When the Buddha established a monastery, he asked Buddha to retire and let him run the institution; when the Buddha refused, he revolted and caused a division in the monastic order.

Devdutt's envy and rivalry had manifested in previous lifetimes, too, according to the Jatakas. He was the king of Kashi, who, in a previous life, out of jealousy, tortured the patient ascetic, Buddha, whose words impressed the royal dancing girls. He was the stupid merchant who was caught and eaten by a yaksha. He was the water demon who was outwitted by the Buddha when the latter, as a monkey, stopped his troop from drinking water from the demon's well and instead drink from the hollow of bamboo reeds. When Buddha was a monkey leader, who stretched over a ravine to help his troop of monkeys run over his back to cross over and escape hunters, Devdutt jumped fiercely on his back, breaking his spine.

Eventually, we are told that Devdutt got Ajatashatru to murder his father, Bimbisara, and having secured this royal friendship, ordered a mad elephant be sent to kill the Buddha. He even tried to get assassins to kill Buddha, asking them to roll rocks down a mountain to strike Buddha as he passed below. In his old age, filled with remorse, he sought Buddha's forgiveness, but then he hesitated, and was once again consumed by thoughts of vengeance. Furious, the earth opened up, and Devdutt was swallowed in, and taken to a hell when he was impaled by spears.

Hundreds of years later, when Christian missionaries came to Thailand with the intent of converting Thais from Buddhism to Christianity, the king of the land saw them wearing images of Christ on the Cross around their necks. The missionaries identified Christ as their saviour. However, the King of Thailand and all his courtiers identified Christ as Devdutt impaled in hell for his anti-Buddhist activities. So, they concluded the new religion being presented by the Christian missionaries was actually Devdutt's religion, and so anti-Buddhist in essence. So, they rejected Christ's doctrine and strove to be faithful to the Buddha. Thus, ironically, though the enemy of the Buddha in his lifetime, in death, Devdutt secured the Buddhist faith in Thailand.

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Travelogue

American Dreams-2

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[Continued from Dec. 21]

Once I met a doctor at a social gathering and asked him the reason for this over reaction and frightening of the patients. What he told me was amazing. If a patient is told of 10 complications and if by chance he or she gets a complication not informed, the doctor can be sued. Hence, they just play safe and tell the patients of all possible complications just to cover their back side for liability. Many legal firms have docs on their payroll to take care of the cases of liability. A virtual white collar racket.

Ballal

Another thing I had noticed was the amount of food Americans generally waste. The food portions is so huge, at least one third of that gets wasted and thrown. Even in the airlines, the amount of food served is so huge that lots of food is wasted. The airline and the food industry can save tons of food if only they adopt some portion-control and pass on the benefits to their customers by reducing the prices. Or alternatively, the food saved can be used to feed thousands of orphanages all over the country.

Last time when I had visited Salt Lake City, I had noticed that the number plates of the vehicles had some inscription. This time I went closer to check the inscription. Surprised at what was written. "The world's finest snow." I am not sure whether this is true but this is a claim most of the local Utah citizens believe. This city has one of the biggest Salt Lakes in the country the water of which is saltier than the sea. Combine this with the dry weather, the snow formed in this city is like a fine powder, almost dry and fluffy. Ideal for skiing. So much so they even hosted the Winter Olympics in this city. Thousands of tourists throng the city from end of November till march to enjoy skiing in the Wasatch mountains. There are many a ski resorts all over the mountains, but the most famous is the 'Park City.' If one goes to this city, it resembles a film set with antique buildings, horse carriages and antique cars.

This city also hosts an annual "Sundance Film Festival." This festival is the brainchild of the famous Hollywood star Robert Redford, who owns a ranch named Sundance nearby.

Snow is important for the city. Tourism is the main industry of Salt Lake City and thousands of jobs depend on this. Snow is also the only source of water supply for the city since rain is negligible. The designs of the houses are such there is no sump or even overhead water tanks provided but the water supply is 24x7. When I mentioned about borewells, the locals looked puzzled. Private borewells are unheard of in this city. Each county fixes their own rates for water, electricity and waste disposal depending on their own resources.

Talking of house designs, I was intrigued to know that a particular design of house is called "mother-in-law" basement. These basements are constructed with two entrances. May be unlike India, daughters look after their parents and hence this name.

There is a general perception that Salt Lake City being a Mormon City there are restrictions on liquor sales, which is not true. Liquor is definitely not available as freely as in other States but it is available at some designated shops and malls. Gambling is banned but just two hours away on the border of this city, in the State of Nevada, lucrative casinos have been set up for the residents to go across, play and be back for dinner. Hundreds of residents, who are addicted to gambling, avail this facility as a two-hour drive in the US is considered to be a normal drive.

How is that all Indians who travel to US suddenly become law-abiding citizens? They follow traffic rules, stop cars at stop signs and do not jump lights, even when the whole road is empty and there are no cameras set up in that area? I was in the US for nearly 5 months and heard a horn of a car just once. Back in India, the moment I stepped out of the airport premises, the sound of car horns became a reality. Does this mean there are no accidents in the US? Of course, not. The biggest source of accidents are caused by teenagers. One is entitled for driving licences after 16 and they cause maximum accidents all over apart from the drunken drivers.

[To be continued]

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Mysuru Zoo loses Ranitha, 7-year-old Asiatic Lioness

Mysuru, Dec. 28- In a setback to the ambitious captive breeding initiative at Sri Chamarajendra Zoological Gardens, popularly known as Mysuru Zoo, Ranitha, a 7-year-old Asiatic Lioness died yesterday. She was found injured on right and left shoulders after a fight with her companion Shourya on Oct. 26. Following this, it had stopped taking food.

Ranitha was procured from Sakkarbaug Zoo in Junagadh, Gujarat, on Aug. 4, 2016 under animal exchange programme.

Executive Director of Mysuru Zoo C. Ravishankar said the Lioness was initially treated soon after the fight as it was found to be dull and had gone off feed. Blood examination revealed infection and treatment protocol was initiated.

The animal did not show any improvement in its health following which blood samples, lachrymal, nasal, and swabs samples were sent to the Centre for Cellular and Molecular Biology, Hyderabad and the lab report was awaited.

The Lioness was paralysed in the hind quarter and was recumbent and was refusing to eat since a week. Despite continuous treatment, Ranitha did not respond and passed away at 4.30 pm yesterday.

Ravishankar said Shourya and Ranitha fought a day after they were released for mating in the off-exhibited area. Following the death of Ranitha, Zoo has been left with four lions — Shourya and Gauri both pure bred Asiatic species and Rakshita and Darshan, the cross-bred animals.

Women Entrepreneurs Park to come up at Thandya

CM to lay foundation on Jan.11

Mysuru, Dec. 28 (RK&VNS)- Chief Minister Siddharamaiah will lay the foundation stone for Women Entrepreneurs Park at Thandya on Jan. 11, said District Industries Centre (DIC) Joint Director Ramakrishne Gowda. The Park will be developed at Thandya Industrial Area near Kadakola on Nanjangud Road.

Speaking to *Star of Mysore*, he said that the Park, which was announced during the State Budget, would be developed on a 100-acre land which has already been acquired by the Karnataka Industrial Area Development Board (KIADB).

"Industrial sites will be sanctioned in two phases. In the first phase, 50 sites will be sanctioned to budding women entrepreneurs and another 50 sites will be given away in the second phase," he said.

Ramakrishne Gowda also mentioned that around 10-15 women entrepreneurs will be handed over site sanction certificates by the CM and added the sites have been allotted on a 10-year lease-cum-sale basis.

"The DIC) has provided training for women entrepreneurs to set up ready-made garments, engineering, automobile parts and other micro and small enterprises at the Park. This apart, banks and Karnataka State Finance Corporation will provide financial assistance for women entrepreneurs," he added. KIADB has also invited tenders to develop roads, storm water drains and other basic facilities at a cost of Rs. 8 crore. About 145 women entrepreneurs have already submitted applications for industrial sites at the Park.

CCB gets new ACP

B.R. Lingappa

Mysuru, Dec. 28 - B.R. Lingappa has taken over as the new ACP of City Crime Branch (CCB). He takes over from C. Gopal.

Lingappa was earlier working as Head Quarters Dy.SP at the office of IGP Southern Range, Mysuru. Gopal will henceforth be the Head Quarters Dy.SP at the IGP office.

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By K.B. Ganapathy

National Anthem, National Song

For a country National Emblem, Standard, Flag and Anthem are symbols of national sovereignty and, therefore, every citizen — minority community or majority — must respect them and abide by the protocol relating to them.

In our country, National Anthem or National Song feuds took centre-stage even during Freedom Struggle and sadly for India even after Independence.

It was some Muslim members in the Congress and the Muslim League who did not accept *Vande Mataram* as National Song, at one time considered for National Anthem, and refused to sing it. Even after partition made on the basis that Muslims of undivided India could not co-exist with Hindus politically, the minority Muslims in India (a large number of them) continued to resist *Vande Mantaram*. But India as a unique "Secular Democracy" did not take the issue seriously or call it a feud — both UPA and NDA. So far so good. A tolerant country compared to its two neighbouring Islamic countries — Pakistan and Bangladesh.

While musing on these religion-based assertions of minorities in India, I was wanting to know if National Anthem has become an issue or feud in any other country in the world. And to my surprise it has. In our country the playing of National Anthem in cinema theatres still remains an issue with the majority, minority and the judiciary. Hence, my interest in finding out how other countries are answering this question.

In America National Anthem became an issue between the President Donald Trump and some NFL players when the latter were kneeling (instead of standing) during the Anthem to protest racial inequality and Police brutality.

Following this, political leaders and Governments in other countries are taking stronger steps to defend the honour of their National Anthems.

In October last, soccer fans in Hong Kong turned their backs during playing of China's National Anthem. It is not known what action communist China took against these fans. However, China's National Anthem law went into effect on October 1. The law covers Mainland China, Hong Kong and Macau. Under this law those who mock or insult the country's Anthem will be punished with prison term of up to three years.

In Philippines a Filipino man was arrested on Nov. 18 for refusing to stand while the National Anthem was played at a movie theatre. Punishment: Fine up to $2000 and jail term.

In Turkey, when in a purge the Government sacked the teachers, they then went on hunger strike and began holding demonstration singing the National Anthem.

The Government outlawed "singing of the National Anthem in a disturbing way," last September. I think in India we too must take some steps to punish those who mock or disrespect our Anthem in the name of religion, secularism or freedom of choice or political ideology or what have you.

As Dr. B.R. Ambedkar says, if the country loses, who wins? Disrespect to National Anthem and National Flag is the first step towards weakening the sovereignty of a country. We are warned.

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Swachh Survekshan-2018

Pourakarmikas urge Mysureans to join hands in race for top spot

Mysuru, Dec. 28 (RKB&NNN)- Pourakarmikas of the city, who are the backbone of keeping the city clean, are working extra hours to see that Mysuru regains the first place in the country in cleanliness.

Calling upon the people to join hands with them in this drive, Mysuru Nagara Palike Pourakarmikas Permanent and Contract Association President N. Mara said "We bagged the cleanest city award twice but slipped to fifth place last time. We have to make all efforts to see that we regain the top spot and it is the duty of every citizen in Mysuru to join hands with us."

He was addressing a press conference at the Pathrakathara Bhavan here yesterday and said Pourakarmikas are going the extra mile to see that the efforts of the District Administration and Mysuru City Corporation pays off by working additional hours. "The shift of all the Pourakarmikas ends at 2 pm. But now we are working from 6.30 am to 5.30 pm from Dec.24 to Jan.3 as part of the Swachh Abhiyaan. Later, a highly qualified team of survey assessors from the Quality Council of India will arrive in the city on Jan.4, 2018, to conduct the survey," he said.

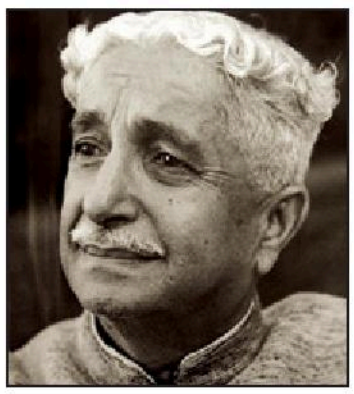
He appealed to the citizens to play their part and not to carelessly throw the garbage around and to keep their premises and the surroundings clean. The city has more than 3,000 civic workers, including 1,200 permanent employees. There is lot of young blood among the Pourakarmikas now and 45 per cent of them are women but there is no representation to them at all in the newly-formed association. Mara assured that they would also be given recognition soon.

State Vice-President R. Shivanna, Secretary N. Raju, Manchaiah and General Secretary Srinivas were present at the press meet.

Stamp on Kuvempu to be released tomorrow

Mysuru, Dec. 28- The Government of India has brought out a commemorative stamp on Rashtrakavi Kuvempu and it will be released on Dec. 29 (tomorrow) at Kuppalli, the birthplace of the poet laureate. The stamp will be released by Union Minister for Statistics D.V. Sadananda Gowda on the occasion of Vishvamanava Day to mark the 113th birth anniversary of Kuvempu.

On the occasion, *Kuvempu Samagra Sahityamaale* (Second Edition) will be released by Karnataka Revenue Minister Kagodu Thimmappa and a book *Chita Ramayana Darshanam* (authored by H. Kaushik) based on Kuvempu's *Sri Ramayana Darshanam* will be released by Minister for Kannada and Culture Umashree. Litterateur Prof. Baragur Ramachandrappa will deliver the keynote address.



Kuvempu

The stamp commemorating Kuvempu is part of a set of five on eminent writers including Krishan Chander, Srilal Sukla, Balwant Gargi and Bhisham Sahni. A stamp on Kuvempu has been a long-pending demand and proposals from the State government for the same have been a regular political feature.

The University of Mysore had year-long centenary celebrations in 2016 and there was a proposal for a stamp but only a special cover was released. The stamp will have a face value of Rs. 10. These three stamps are among the 20 approved along with 18 other thematic issues.

No decision yet on project

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"The proposed project was facing environmental issues as it passes through reserve forest areas of both the States. So, Kerala had requested the Railway Ministry to move MoEF (Ministry of Environment and Forests) for granting clearance to conduct a detailed survey in forest areas for preparation of DPR. We have advised Kerala to seek specific approval from MoEF," Goyal said.

Kerala government, which has been spearheading this project, has nominated Konkan Railway Corporation Ltd., to prepare a feasibility study and the DPR of this proposed broad-gauge line. As per discussions between the Railway Board and Kerala CM, it was decided that Kerala would prepare a DPR and submit it to the Union Ministry of Railways by December 31, 2017.

File a case

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The Police immediately formed a team under the guidance of the then Southern Range IGP K. Ramachandra Rao and Mysuru Rural Dy.SP Srihari Baragur.

The then Mysuru South Rural Inspector Jagadeesh (presently, District Crime Records Bureau Inspector Madikeri), Head Constable Ravi, and Constables Satish, Ashok, Latif and Manohar were part of the team and the team was waiting for the bus near Yelwal.

The bus reached Yelwal at 2 am on Jan. 4, 2014. On searching, the Police recovered the Rs. 20 lakh cash that was kept in the tool box. An FIR was registered and the bus driver, Akhtar Hussain and conductor Munir were taken into custody.

The case received a major twist when Sylalubiddin alleged that the Police personnel had pocketed over Rs. 2.27 crore they had seized from the bus. The case was later handed over to the CID.

Healthy millets grab limelight at Mela in city

Mysuru, Dec.28 (SV) - The two-day millet Mela (Festival) began yesterday at Bharat Scouts and Guides ground to create awareness on its nutritious and health benefits on incorporating it as a daily part of our diet. The festival had several small kiosks where millets of various varieties are being sold. People swelled in numbers to the kiosks. Jaggery, Bamboo rice, Dal, Coconut oils, Snack bars, etc. are also being sold.

A walk through the Mela, will introduce one to several kiosks that grab your attention. Star of Mysore managed to get in close with some of the sellers.

Manu, one of the sellers, had setup his store where he sold Pearl millet, Kodo Millet seed, Kodo Millet rice, little millet rice, barnyard millet, promo millet seed, browntop millet seed, foxtail millet seed, foxtail millet rice, Ragi, etc.

He said, "We have our own farmers who reside all around Karnataka and we concentrate on growing local variety of crops. We sell it in Mysuru near V.V. Mohalla and also have a branch in Bengaluru."

Pavan Kumar, Owner of Cafe Natural had set up his store where sunflower seeds, pumpkin seeds, watermelon seeds, flax seeds (all roasted as well as ready to eat seeds) etc. were sold. The crowd turned its attention towards his store as it had Millet banana cake, Millet sweets, Millet choco chip, special homemade chocolates, chikki's out of the above mentioned seeds as well as snacks like Millet Muffins and Millet nippits. They have their outlets in Sahakaranagar, Bengaluru and Yelankha and plan to open one store in Mysuru very soon.

The audience were treated to a sample millet energy booster drink at a Kisok, which sold 'Energizer Health Mix,' which is prepared in Mysuru. The complete health drink which is known as 'Malt' is prepared using about nine sprouted grains with a blend of different types of millets. This drink is gluten free and is advisable for pregnant women and people suffering from diabetes and anaemia. Its ingredients consist of Ragi, Red wheat, Horse gram, Green gram, Bajra, Maize, Peas, Bengal gram, groundnut, flax seeds, millets, cloves, cardamom, etc. This energy drink powder costs about Rs. 360 per Kg.

Sunil Kumar, Proprietor, S.R. Organics, aimed to tempt the sweet tooth of the visitors with his store that mainly catered to Chikkis. People could buy any three varieties of Chikkis for about Rs. 100. Chiikkis of various varieties like Pumpkin seed Chikki, Sunflower seed Chikki, Musk Melon seed Chikki, Water Melon seed Chikki, Flax seed Chikki, Moringa Leaf Chikki, Sesame Chikki, Foxtail millet Chikki etc. ensured that the visitors stopped to buy and munch on these snack bars as they passed around looking at the various stores of the mela. He also has readymade millet dosa mixes and Papads of Moringa leaf, Jowar along with Chutney powders of different seeds.

CFTRI has displayed a technological advanced machine - "Pedal Operated Millet Dehuller," which removes the dust as well as the husk from the millet grains. Mohammed Shakeb, Technical Officer, Grain Science and Technology Department, said, "This machine is pedal operated and will be very useful to the rural people. This dehuller can dehusk millets at the rate of 10-12 Kg per hour and its efficiency is about 65 to 75 per cent. This does not require electricity and it also has a Cyclone at the end of the machine which removes the mixture of unhulled and hulled components along with the husk. All types of millets can be dehulled in this machine except Ragi. This is also healthy as it is unpolished and more amount of fibres are thus retained compared to other machinery processes."

The estimated price of the machinery is around Rs. 25,000 and the operation is very simple.

The millet mela will conclude this evening.

Culinary contest at Millet Mela

Mysuru, Dec.28 (US&PM)- The concluding day of the two-day organic millet mela organised by Department of Agriculture of Mysuru, Chamarajanagar and Ramanagar district at Scouts and Guides Grounds here featured a contest for women in dishing out delicacies made from millets.

About 30 women from three districts participated in the contest. The dishes churned out for the contest were *halwa, dose, chakkuli* and juice made from *ragi, jowar dose, navane bisibele bath, arka churmuri* and *uppittu, sajje pakoda* and mixed milled rotti.

The contest was judged by Dr. Vijayalakshmi, Organic Research Station, Naganahalli, Sashi of Bhuvi Naturals and Ashakumari of Sahaja Samruddhi Organisation. Technical session were also held.

Triple Talaq Bill tabled

New Delhi, Dec. 28 - A Bill to make instant triple talaq illegal and void and awarding a jail term of three years for the husband, was introduced in the Lok Sabha this morning.

Union Law Minister Ravi Shankar Prasad introduced the Muslim Women (Protection of Rights on Marriage) Bill, calling it a "historic day" amid opposition to its introduction by members of different parties, including RJD, AIMIM, BJD and All India Muslim League.

The law is about justice and respect for women and is not about any religion or community. The practice of instant triple talaq has continued despite the Supreme Court order terming it void, he said. Parliament has to decide whether the victims of triple talaq have fundamental rights or not, he said after some opposition members claimed it violated the fundamental rights guaranteed under the Constitution.

The proposed law would only be applicable on instant triple talaq or 'talaq-e-biddat' and give power to the victim to approach a magistrate seeking "subsistence allowance" for herself and minor children.

KHB Scam : Harish Gowda moves Court seeking bail

Mysuru, Dec. 28 - After the five arrested people in the multi-crore KHB scam were granted bail by a city Court on Tuesday, another five accused including G. Harish Gowda, son of MLA G.T. Devegowda, yesterday filed an application before the 3rd Additional District Judge Court seeking Anticipatory Bail.

The Court, which accepted the bail application, had adjourned the hearing for today (Dec.28). However, there was no information about the hearing till the time we went to the press. The Anticipatory Bail application for Harish Gowda and other four was filed by Advocate Rohit, who is representing the accused.

It may be recalled that the 3rd Additional District Judicial Court had granted bail to five accused - M.B. Somashekar, M. Mahesh, Jnaneshwar, Vijaykumar and N.B. Vasu, who were arrested by Anti Corruption Bureau (ACB) sleuths on Dec. 18.

ACB sleuths had recently booked 46 persons, including four officials in connection with the KHB scam.

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Food & Cake fest draws good crowd

Take your taste buds on a merry ride this winter

Mysuru, Dec. 28 (SV&NNN)- The Food and Cake festival which began yesterday at Nanjaraja Bahadur Choultry here attracted people from all backgrounds and different age groups as Mysureans were in for a treat with several delicacies and various food items being sold at the premises.

District Minister Dr. H.C. Mahadevappa inaugurated the three-day cake festival jointly organised by the District Administration, Food, Civil Supplies and Consumer Department, Tourism Department, Mysore Palace Board, Mysuru District Hotels and Restaurants Association, Bakery Owners Association and Mysuru Travels Association.

Some of the well-known bakers and sweets-makers in city including Aroma, Dolphin, Regal Bakers, Master Bakers, Sri Mahalakshmi Sweets, Sweet Palace Cafe, Nandini Sweets and others through their specialities introduced the varieties of cakes and sweets to the connoisseurs.

Dolphin Bakes and Ice Creams and Aroma Bakery of Loyal World had set up wonderful exhibits of designed Cakes as teenagers were busy taking selfies with them. They were selling several bakery products like samosas, puffs, cakes, rolls, sandwiches, muffins, pastries, etc. Minions muffins, angry birds cup cakes and other types of creative cakes were prepared to attract the crowd.

Prices of cakes range from Rs.500 to Rs.1,200 a kg and people can savour the taste paying Rs.50 for a piece of cake.

Mahalakshmi Sweets had set up a sweet stall at one of the corners to tickle the sweet buds on the tongues of the visitors.

The winter season calls for hot and spicy food. Mahadeva, owner of Mysore Special Bajji, sold Chilly Bajji, Capsicum Bajji, Banana Bajji and Gobi Manchurian at one of the stores. His co-worker Ramesh said, "We set up stalls in almost all kinds of expos and exhibitions; we had setup one in the Mysuru Dasara Exhibition too. People love Bajjis over here and we ensure we give the best to them."

While everyone was busy munching on, Neelamma had setup a space for herself with a sign Uttara Karnataka Jolada Roti where she prepared traditional Akki Roti, Jowar Roti and Ragi Roti with special varieties of chutneys. She said, "I prepare these rotis for the people and this is very healthy for the diet. We have our shop near the back gate of Vidyavardhaka Engineering College in Gokulam. We opened our shop there last February and soon we will be completing one year. We have good regular customers and we also take in bulk orders for any functions or parties."

The Food and Cake festival held as part of the Mysuru Winter Festival had everything ranging from A to Z. You name it and your tongue was in for a treat. Home-made cookies, Truffles, Chats of various varieties, Vada Pav, Jamoons, Cakes, Cookies, Pizzas, Burgers, Rotis, Cinamon Rolls, Ice creams, Pasta, French Fries, Kulfi, Hot Fudge Chocolates, Churumuri, Fruit Juices, Lime Soda, Flavoured milk, sweets and many more available under one roof at the Food and Cake Carnival.

Ganesh eats 300 gram cake in 70 seconds, bags first place

Contestants at the cake-eating contest organised as part of the Winter Festival at Nanjaraja Bahadur Choultry on Vinoba Road yesterday.

Mysuru, Dec.28- The cake-eating contest organised yesterday at the Cake Festival in Nanjaraja Bahadur Choultry saw some exciting contests.

In the students' category, 21 students had participated. However, through the draw of lottery 10 were picked up to eat 300 grams cake. R.R. Ganesh of Gopalaswamy College bagged the first prize by gobbling the 300 gram cake in 70 seconds. Sadvidya College's Likith Gowda was placed second eating it in 72 seconds, while Mahajana College's G. Manjunath came third eating it in 75 seconds.

In the public cake-eating competition, 21 people participated. In this category Shivananda was placed first consuming the cake in 76 seconds, Ningaiah came second eating it in 78 seconds and Purushotham third.

It was interesting to watch the contestants eating the cake so fast. While a few did manage to digest the cake, most of them had to stop midway with tears in their eyes, unable to finish it.

City Karatekas bag medals at National Karate Championship

Mysuru, Dec. 28 (KS)- Karatekas of PKD (Prajwal Karate Dojo) practicing IMSKA style of Karate who took part in Gojukan Champions League 2017, an Open National Karate championship held in Thrissur, Kerala recently won 15 medals in the event. Seen in the picture are *(from left)* Seema (Bronze in Kata), Rohit (Gold in Kata and Kumite), Aditya (Bronze in Kata), Eshaan (Gold in Kata and Kumite), Yudhi (Gold in Kata and Bronze in Kumite), Prajwal- Chief Instructor (Gold in Kumite), Sharun (Silver in Kata and Kumite), Ayush (Gold in Kata and Kumite), Jay (Gold in Kata and Kumite). The team won the overall runner-up trophy for winning 15 medals.

GM Thejkumar feted

Grand Master M.S. Thejkumar being felicitated by Celestial Minds (USA) on the inaugural day of the Sri. M.N. Krishna Rao Memorial Rapid Chess Tournament 2017 held at Hotel Paradise, here recently. Others seen are (from left) Mysore Chess Centre Director and UKCA Vice-President M. Nagendra, Celestial Minds Founder Kavyashree Mallanna, Advisory Member Prasanna Nagabushan and UKCA Hon. Secretary Aravind Shastry.

Win prizes in Karate

Mysuru, Dec. 28- Students of The Orchids Public School and PU College won various prizes in the karate tournament organised by Okinawa Shorin – Ryu Karate-Do and IMSKA – India.

Seen in picture are *(standing from left)* D. Darshan, Nithin K. Gowda, Sensei M. Siddaraju (Instructor), Harshith N. Jeeyar, Disha A. Gowda. *(Standing in second row from left)* Pratham A. Gowda, K.R. Jeevan, P. Chinmaya, M. Jeevan, S. Sagar and *(sitting from left)* L. Jeevitha, M. Akilesh, Ravi Kishan, K.V. Chinmay, S.M. Nikhil.

Excels in Karate

Prajwal Chakravarthy

Mysuru, Dec. 28- City's karateka Prajwal Chakravarthy, 5th Std student of Police Public School, excelled in the recently concluded 16th National Open Karate Championship by winning silver in Kumite and bronze in Kata competitions. Prajwal is being trained by S. Sunil Kumar.

IGU All India Ladies Amateur Golf Championship

City's Pranavi, Disha go down in pre-quarter-finals

Bengaluru, Dec.28- Mysuru's Pranavi S. Urs and Disha Kavery (both from JWGC, Mysuru) taking part in the recently held IGU All India Ladies Amateur Golf Championship 2017 at Eagleton Golf Resort in Bidadi lost in the pre-quarterfinals in the Match Play event.

Anika Varma beat Pranavi S. Urs 3-1 and entered the last eight stage of the tournament. In the earlier round, Pranavi got the better of Hitashee Bakshi 5-3 to progress further. Disha Kavery of Mysuru lost to Rhea Purvi Saravanan 1-3 in the pre-quarterfinals.

Mysore Varsity Men's Ball Badminton Team

University of Mysore Men's Ball-badminton Team that will be taking part in the South Zone Inter-University Ball-badminton Tournament to be held at Yogi Vemana University, Kadapa, Andhra Pradesh from Dec. 27 to Dec. 29. Seen in the picture are (standing from left) Lohith Kumar, G. Thakur, S. Rajesh, H.N. Punith Gowda, M.R. Nandeesha, M. Nandish, M.C. Mohana, C. Rajendraprasad and K.P. Gowtham Gowda. (Sitting from left) B.N. Lakshmeesha (Coach), Department of Physical Education In-charge Director Dr. P. Krishnaiah, J.K. Pavan(Team Manager) and A.V. Manoj (Captain).

2nd State Level Inter-Club Kickboxing Fight Fest

De Paul Public School wins overall championship

Mysuru, Dec. 28- De Paul Public School of Mysuru won the overall championship in the 2nd State Level Inter-Club Kickboxing Fight Fest held recently at Capitol Public School in Mysuru. The event was organised by Academy of Self Defense. Fighters from 10 schools including Mysore Public School, Delhi Public School, Capitol Public School, Mahajana Public School and Podar International School participated in the championship.

Capitol Public School team ended up as first runner up and Mahajana Public School emerged as second runner-up. The inauguration of the fight fest was done by MP Pratap Simha. SAK Vice Chairman Mir Roshan Ali was the Guest of Honour. Former Minister S.A. Ramdas, Social Impactors Forum Founder Swathi Mahesh Keerthipati, Mysuru District Congress Committee Vice President Shoib Mohammed and others were present.

Sports meet for ZP members on Dec. 30

Mysuru, Dec.28- Mysuru Zilla Panchayat (ZP) in association with Department of Youth Empowerment and Sports will be conducting annual sports meet for the Zilla Panchayat members and officials at the Chamundi Vihar Stadium in city on Dec.30.

The events will be held for both men and women. While women members will take part in the 60 mts race, throwball, tug of war, musical chair and basketball, the organisers will be conducting cricket, throwball, volleyball, 80 mts race and tug of war, according to a press release.

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22818/22817	Mysore-Howrah Weekly Exp.	12.30 am (Mon)	02.50 am (Mon)	01.00 am (Sun)	03.45 am (Sun)
16217/16218	Mysore-Sainagar Shirdi Weekly Express	05.10 am (Mon)	07.55 am (Mon)	03.30 am (Thu)	06.00am (Thu)
56231/56232	Mysore-Bangalore Passenger	05.50 am	09.15 am	09.20 am	12.35 pm
17326/17325	Vishwa Manava Express (Hubballi-Mysuru-Hubballi Daily)	06.10 am	8.55 am	5.45 pm	8.40 pm
16215/16216	Chamundi Express	06.45 am	09.30 am	06.15 pm	09.05 pm
12578/12577	Mysore-Dharbanga Weekly Exp.	07.20 am (Sat)	09.55 am (Sat)	08.55 pm (Thu)	11.30pm(Thu)
16229/16230	Mysore-Varanasi Bi-weekly Exp.	07.20 am (Tue & Thu)	09.55 am	12.15 am (Sun & Tue)	02.50 am (Sun & Tue)
16023/16024	Mysore-Yesvantpur-Malgudi Exp.	08.20 am	11.05 am	01.30 pm	04.15 pm
56281/56282	Chamarajnagar-Bangalore Passenger	09.05 am	12.15 pm	03.30 pm	06.40 pm
12975/12976	Jaipur Express (super fast)	10.20 am (Thursdays & Saturdays)	12.45 pm	01.00 pm (Wednesday & Friday)	03.45 pm

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17307/17308	Mysore-Bagalkot Basava Exp.	01.30 pm	04.30 pm	11.15 am	01.50 pm
12008/12007	Shatabdi-Express (except Wednesdays)	02.15 pm	04.15 pm	11.00 am	01.00 pm
16557/16558	Mysore-Bangalore Rajya Rani Express	02.30 pm	05.10 pm	10.30 am	01.30 pm
56237/56238	Mysore-Bangalore Passenger	02.45 pm	06.05 pm	07.00 pm	10.20 pm
16232/16231	Mysore-Mayiladuthurai Express	03.30 pm	06.15 pm	06.00 am	08.40 am
16535/16536	Mysore-Solapur Golgumbaz Exp.	04.00 pm	06.50 pm	08.05 am	11.00 am
16219/16220	Tirupati Express	05.00 pm	08.15 pm	07.30 am	10.30 am
16236/16235	MysoreTuticorn Express	06.00 pm	09.00 pm	07.00 am	9.45 am
16210/16209	Mysore-AjmerMysore Express	06.30 pm (Tuesdays & Thursdays)	09.30 pm	03.30 am (Sundays & Tuesdays)	06.00 am
16592/16591	Mysore-Hubli Hampi Exp.	07.00 pm	09.50 pm	06.20 am	09.15 am
16227/16228	Mysore-Talaguppa-Mysore Exp.	07.40 pm	11.05 pm	04.30 am	08.00 am
22681/22682	Mysore-Chennai Weekly SF Exp	08.10 pm (Wed)	10.45 pm (Wed)	05.40am (Fri)	8.20am(Fri)
16022/16021	Cauvery Express (to Chennai)	08.30 pm	11.25 pm	04.00 am	06.50 am
56263/56264	Mysore-Bangalore Passenger	11.55 pm	04.00 am	11.55 pm	04.00 am

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		Dep.Mys	Arr. Ch'nagar	Dep Ch'nagar	Arr.Mys
56206/56205	Mysore-Nanjangud	09.00 am	09.50 am(N'gud)	10.15 am(N'gud)	11.10 am
56202/56281	Mysore-Chamarajanagar	05.00 am	06.40 am	07.00 am	09.00 am
56204/56203	Mysore-Chamarajanagar	07.20 am	09.10 am	10.40 am	12.25 pm
16220/16219	Tirupati-Chamarajanagar	10.30 am	12.20 pm	03.10 pm	04.45 pm
56210/56209	Mysore-Chamarajanagar	12.30 pm	02.15 pm	06.00 pm	07.50 pm
56208/56207	Mysore-Chamarajanagar	02.50 pm	04.40 pm	04.55 pm	06.35 pm
56282/56201	Mysore-Chamarajanagar	06.45 pm	08.35 pm	08.50 pm	10.30 pm

TOWARDS HASSAN/ ARSIKERE

		Dep.Mys	Arr.A'kere	Dep A'kere	Arr.Mys
11036/11035	Mysore-Dadar Sharavathi Express	06.15 am (Sunday)	09.10 am	06.05 pm	09.40 pm (Friday)
56266/56265	Mysore-Arsikere Passenger	07.15 am	11.10 am	05.30 pm	9.25 pm
56270/56269	Mysore-Shimoga Town Passenger	10.20 am	01.45 pm	12.30 pm	04.30 pm
56216/56215	Mysore-Hassan-Yesvantpur Passenger	8.30 am	02.45 pm (Yesvantpur)	01.00 pm (Yesvantpur)	08.00 pm
56268/56267	Mysore-Arsikere Passenger	06.20 pm	10.30 pm	05.00 am	09.25 am
12781/12782	Mysore-Nizamuddin (New Delhi) Swarna Jayanthi Superfast Weekly Express	08.10 pm	11.05 pm (Friday)	01.40 am	04.55 am (Wed.)
17301/17302	Mysore-Dharwad Express	10.30 pm	01.30 am	03.05 am	07.00 am

		Dep.Mys	Arr. Shimoga	Dep.Shimoga	Arr.Mys
16206/16205	Mysore-Talaguppa Express	06.00 am	10.53 am	04.40 pm	10.15 pm
56276/56275	Mysore-Shimoga Passenger	01.10 pm	07.20 pm	07.50 am	02.30 pm

TOWARDS BANGALORE/ MANGALORE

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16523/17	MysoreKarwar/Kannur Express	11.30 pm (Mys.)	2.00 pm (Kar)
16524/18	Karwar/KannurMysore Express	02.40 pm (Kar)	5.15 am (Mys) 5.30 am leaves for Bangalore

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Stop garbage dumping in front of school and church at Tilak Nagar

The garbage being dumped regularly in front of the Government School and the Church in Tilak Nagar is causing a lot of inconvenience to the public as it is not being cleared on time. This has resulted in increase in mosquitoes and rodents in the surrounding area. Besides the place is also being used to answer nature's call by many people. The authorities concerned are urged to take steps to get the garbage cleared regularly and penalise those who dump garbage indiscriminately at public places.

Plea to control pig menace in R.S. Naidu Nagar

Pig menace has increased near Munnawar Masjid in R.S. Naidu Nagar. This menace is an inconvenience to the residents and motorists as pigs suddenly come on the roads leading to accidents. Authorities concerned are urged to take steps and relocate the pigs to the outskirts of city and also warn pig-rearers not to let loose the pigs on roads.

Movie screening, Music & Dance at Winter Fest

Hindi movie 'Airlift' being screened at Maharaja's College Grounds last night as part of Mysuru Winter Festival's Open Air Movie Screening organised by Tourism Department. Today Kannada movie 'Kirik Party' will be screened at the venue. Picture right shows Nagari Manjunath and troupe presenting Nagari Kunita last evening at Food and Cake Festival organised by Department of Food and Civil Supplies at Nanjaraja Bahadur Choultry. Today, Kamsale Dance will be presented from 5.30 pm to 6.30 pm and Folk Songs from 6.30 pm to 10.30 pm.

Puttur Narasimha Nayak and K.S. Surekha rendering Bhavageethe at Mysore Palace premises last evening as part of Winter Festival.

Mysuru, Dec.28 (YDS&US)- The 5th day of cultural programmes organised as part of the Mysuru Winter Festival at Palace premises last evening saw Puttur Narasimha Nayak and K.S. Surekha rendering an array of Bhavageethe, Vachana, Dasarapada and folk songs to the delight of the visitors to Palace.

Surekha rendered Kuvempu's song *'Ilidu Baa Thaye Ilidu Baa'* followed by Narasimha Nayak rendering *'Jaya Jaya Mooshika Namana', 'Sanjeya Raagake Bhanu Kemperide', 'Yellara Gandara Shrungarada Pariyalla'* and many more melodious tunes.

The humorous rendition of the song *'Baare Rajakumari Naavu Hogana Jumboo Savari Namma Haley Scooteranneri'* by Narasimha Nayak and Surekha was well-applauded by the gathering relishing the plain humour in real life.

Film Show: Hindi movie 'Airlift' screened as part of the Open Movie Screening at Maharaja's College Ground was enjoyed by a good gathering.

Special Darshan at city Temples on *Vaikunta Ekadashi* tomorrow

Mysuru, Dec.28- Every year on *Vaikunta Ekadashi* day, a large number of devotees visit various temples across the city to have *darshan* of *Vaikunta Dwara* (Vaikunta Door) and witness special puja rituals. During this year, *Vaikunta Ekadashi* will be celebrated on Dec.29 (Friday).

Sri Ganapathy Ashrama

On this occasion, Uttara Dwara (North entrance) of Sri Datta Venkateshwara Temple at Sri Datta Venkateshwara Temple, Sri Ganapathy Sachchidananda Ashrama, Ooty Road, Datta Nagar, will be kept open for devotees to enter the temple.

To facilitate the general public, the temple timings are extended and will be kept opened from 5.30 am to 2.30 pm and 3.30 pm to 10 pm tomorrow.

Sri Veeranjaneyaswamy Temple Trust

Vaikunta Ekadashi celebrations will be held at Sri Veeranjaneyaswamy Temple premises, Hanumantha Nagar, Bannimantap Layout, tomorrow. Special Puja has been organised on the occasion of *Vaikunta Dwara* darshana at 6.30 am followed by prasadam distribution.

Vivekanandanagar Brahmana Sabha

As part of *Vaikunta Ekadashi,* Vivekanandanagar Brahmana Sabha will be performing special pujas and rituals at Sri Lakshminarasimhaswamy Temple, SBM Colony, Srirampura, from 6 am to 9.30 pm on Dec.29.

ISKCON

The International Society for Krishna Consciousness (ISKCON), Mysuru, has organised various spiritual and cultural programmes on the occasion of *Vaikunta Ekadashi* tomorrow. At first, the devotees can have *darshan* of *Vaikunta Dwara* from 6 am to 10 pm. The temple authorities have also organised *laksharchane* to Lord Krishna from 9.30 am to 12.30 pm and followed by cultural programme from 2 pm to 10 pm.

Cultural Programmes — 2 pm: Sri Krishna Bhajans by Sri Dhatri Mahila Kendra; **3 pm:** Devotional songs by Madhurya Kala Gaana Kendra; **4 pm:** Sri Krishna Bhajans by Nihal Prakash and Manjula; **5 pm:** Devotional songs by Mahadeva Swamy and Balasubramanya; **6 pm:** Sri Krishna Bhajans by Jaswanth and Hamsini; **7 pm:** Flute recital by Neetu Ninaad and P.N. Nihal; **8 pm:** Devotional songs by Ashwin Prabhu and Sumanth; **9 pm:** Sri Krishna Bhajans by Atishay Jain and Neetu Ninaad and Sunitha Hiremath.

Two go missing

C.A. Madhu

R. Jagadish

Mysuru, Dec.28 (KS)- A 35-year-old married man has been reported missing from Vidyaranyapuram Police limits since Dec.8.

The missing man has been identified as C.A. Madhu. He is 5.3 ft. tall, round faced, well built, oily-red complexioned, has an old wound mark on the left side of his forehead and was wearing a blue shirt, white track pant and a white jerkin at the time of going missing. Those having any information about the missing person may contact Vidyaranyapuram Police on Ph: 0821-2418122/322/522 or Police Control Room on 2418339/340.

In another incident a 29-year-old youth, who left his place of work on Dec.14 at about 6 am, saying that he was going to Male Mahadeshwara Hill, has been reported missing since then.

The missing youth has been identified as R. Jagadish, a resident of 12th Cross in Gokulam, who was working as a supervisor at Krishna Home Stay at Gokulam here. Jagadish is 6 ft. tall, oily-red complexioned, round faced, well-built, speaks Kannada and English and was wearing a white shirt and black pant at the time of going missing.

Those having any information about the missing person may contact Jayalakshmipuram Police on Ph: 0821-2418116/ 316/ 516 or contact Police Control Room on 2418339/340.

Accidental fire: Seven inmates of girls hostel rescued

Mysuru, Dec.28- Seven inmates of Vani Vilas Girls Hostel in Nazarbad, who were trapped in an accidental fire, were rescued by Fire personnel late on Tuesday night. The accidental fire is said to have broken out at about 12.30 midnight when seven girl students of the Hostel who were trapped in a room began to scream for help.

Hearing the screams, other hostel mates alerted the Fire Station personnel, who rushed to the spot and brought out the trapped girls to safety, before dousing out the fire.

But it was not immediately known how the fire broke-out.

Nazarbad Police, who have registered a case, are investigating the cause of the fire.

Sexual harassment at parlour
Fact-Finding Committee meets victim

Mysuru, Dec.28 (KS)- Following sexual harassment complaint at a Beauty Parlour and Spa in Bogadi here, which the Police raided on Dec.20 and arrested the owner (Rajesh), a Fact Finding Committee comprising N. Sumana of Shaktidhama, E. Rathirao, Maridandaiah Buddha and T.R. Nataraj of PUCL, G. Shanthi of Samatha, V. Lakshminarayan of Akhila Bharata Praja Vedike and Seema of Akhila Bharata Mahila Samskruthika Sangha, met the victim on Dec.23 and have collected information from her.

The Fact Finding Committee has stated that Rajesh was running a massage parlour at his saloon illegally and was forcing the victim to please the customers sexually.

Stating that the victim had named actors Mandya Ramesh and Sadhu Kokila of sexually harassing her during their visit to the saloon, the Committee has demanded immediate arrest of the actors and to take legal action against them.

Unidentified man run over by train

Mysuru, Dec.28 (KS)- The Mysuru Railway Police have found a body of an unidentified man, who was run over by a train between Mysuru New Goods Terminal (MNGT) and Naganahalli Railway Stations.

The unidentified man, aged between 25 and 30 years, is 5ft. tall, oval-faced, wheatish complexioned, normal built and was wearing a blue coloured half arm cotton T-shirt and a blue coloured cotton jeans pant.

The Railway Police, who have registered a case of unnatural death, have shifted the body to MMC&RI mortuary and have urged the kith and kin of the deceased to contact Mysuru Railway Police on Ph: 0821-2516579.

WORD OF THE DAY

Milquetoast

Pronunciation: Milk-tohst

Meaning: (sometimes initial capital letter) a very timid, unassertive, spineless person, especially one who is easily dominated or intimidated: a milquetoast who's afraid to ask for a raise.
Example: And though he said little, he was not by any means a milquetoast; indeed, he was as capable as anyone of manly fury.

Origin: Milquetoast came to English in the 1930s from the character Caspar Milquetoast, who appeared in the comic strip The Timid Soul by American cartoonist H. T. Webster.

THE ODD WORD

Gad

To wander about idly or in pursuit of pleasure

PHRASE OF THE DAY

Pin money

Meaning: Originally a small allowance given to a woman in order to purchase clothes etc., for herself. More recently it is used to describe any small amount of money which might be earned by children or the low-paid for some service.
Origin: The early usage is alluded to in the 16th century in The Testamenta-Eboracensia - A Selection of Wills from the Registry at York, 1542:
"I give my said doughter Margarett my lease of the parsonadge of Kirkdall-Churche..to by her pynnes withal."
The first explicit mention of 'pin money' is in J. Keble's English Republic:
On difference between him and his lady about settlement of 200 l. per annum, pin-mony in case of separation.

QUOTE BOX

'Tis not enough to help the feeble up, but to support them after.

— William Shakespeare

RIDDLE THIS

What does the rebus below mean?

Answer: No excuse (No X Q's).

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	7	9	4		3		8	
	5						4	
	2					7		

Answer to previous puzzle

1	8	2	3	7	5	6	9	4
3	5	9	6	1	4	7	2	8
6	4	7	9	2	8	5	1	3
7	2	8	5	3	9	1	4	6
5	9	6	8	4	1	2	3	7
4	1	3	2	6	7	8	5	9
2	3	5	4	8	6	9	7	1
9	6	1	7	5	3	4	8	2
8	7	4	1	9	2	3	6	5

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:

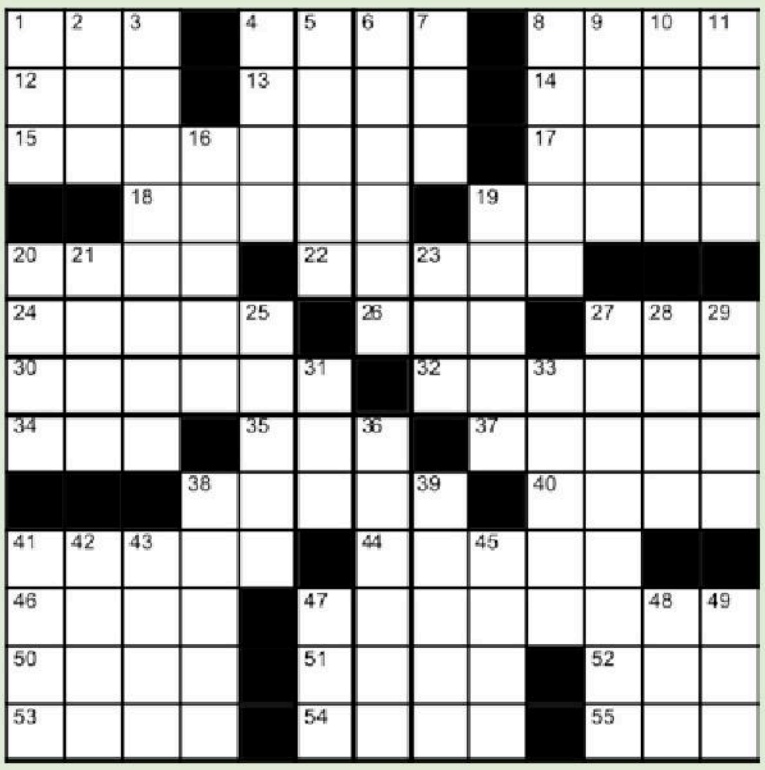
1 Cash on delivery, in short
4 Indian girl - Pooja, well almost!
8 ___ one's lid : lost one's temper
12 The rebel Guevara's Christian name
13 "Base" anagram for an Indian river?
14 French river
15 State of discord; battle or struggle
17 Unit of heredity
18 English river
19 Acted with evident bias
20 Predatory gull
22 Fencing position
24 Eagle's nest
26 Cockpit Voice Recorder
27 IPL team from Kolkata
30 Caused to turn over or fall down
32 Halogen element
34 Inertial Navigation Sys.
35 Rep. of S Africa?
37 Yearned
38 W Indian dance
40 Attaches by stitches
41 Rolling in the Deep singer
44 Just or equitable
46 India's melody queen
47 Persecuting or oppressing by force or threats
50 Mine car
51 A French duelling sword
52 Coral island
53 Ms Dhupia of Bollywood
54 "To be" in Paris?
55 Std. temp. & press.

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER:

H	E	I	R	■	A	D	R	■	G	A	L	A
A	U	T	O	■	D	E	A	D	E	N	E	D
C	R	E	M	E	D	E	M	E	N	T	H	E
K	O	R	E	A	■	■	I	E	E	E	■	■
■	■	■	O	R	B	■	■	P	R	A	T	E
C	D	S	■	T	O	L	E	R	A	T	E	D
A	A	P	■	R	A	I	S	E	■	E	N	D
P	R	O	C	U	R	I	N	G	■	R	T	A
S	T	O	R	M	■	■	E	R	N	■	■	■
■	■	N	A	P	A	■	■	E	O	S	I	N
D	I	F	F	E	R	E	N	T	I	A	T	E
A	B	E	T	T	A	L	S	■	R	U	E	S
L	A	D	S	■	B	O	W	■	E	L	M	S

DOWN

1 300 in Roman numerals
2 Exclamation of surprise
3 Sets of artificial teeth
4 Having the capacity
5 You control a horse by them
6 Manoeuvre or stratagem
7 Believer: suffix
8 Wheeled undercarriage pivoted below locomotive etc.
9 Told falsehoods
10 Labourer of yore
11 Useless or noxious plant
16 In delicate health; easily destroyed
19 Sharpen an old blade
20 Japanese rice drink
21 Intense and alert?
23 Sixteen in Roman numerals
25 Frighteningly weird
27 The science of bodies in motion?
28 Was aware of?
29 Communists, colloquially speaking
31 Mil. award
33 Attractive - colloquially speaking
36 Brusque
38 Ruminant mammal of South America
39 A person or thing that lubricates
41 Alternate, abbr.
42 Be bold enough (to)
43 Arctic town - "hate" anagram?
45 Happiness, exhilaration or amusement
47 A stinging insect
48 North Atlantic Tracks
49 Swindle



CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

YGW CDRMRWTT JXURRWM HPQ YPAPQQPK

MPWTR'Y ZPSRY YPMUV.

TODAY'S CLUE: M EQUALS D

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: Writing well mean never having to say, "I guess you had to be there."

NOW SHOWING

Movie	Theatre	Phone	Shows
KANNADA			
Anjani Putra	Saraswathi	2541451	4 Shows
	Woodlands	2422871	4 Shows
	Mahadeshwara	9900820093	4 Shows
	Lakshmi	2443584	4 Shows
College Kumara	Prabha	2423569	4 Shows
Tora Tora	Gayathri	2443568	4 Shows
Blue Eyes	Olympia	2420737	4 Shows
Mufti	Shanthala	2427584	4 Shows
	Sangam	2520494	4 Shows
HINDI			
Tiger Zinda Hai	Sri Nagaraj	2520490	4 Shows
	Balaji Deluxe	2497199	4 Shows
	Rajkamal	2423554	4 Shows
Pyasi Awaz	Uma	2520009	4 Shows
TELUGU			
Hello	Lido	2420885	4 Shows
Jawaan	Sterling	2481170	4 Shows
TAMIL			
Velaikkaran	Thibbadevi	2452958	4 Shows
	Padma	2521923	4 Shows
-----	Skyline	2481170	4 Shows

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Anjani Putra (K)	(S-1)	10.45 am, 1.30 pm 4.15 pm, 7.00 pm 9.45 pm
Velaikkaran (Ta)	(S-2)	10.00 am, 1.00 pm, 4.00 pm
MCA (Middle Class Abbayi) (Te)	(S-2)	7.10 pm, 9.55 pm
Mufti (K)	(S-3)	10.50 am
Aruvi (Ta)	(S-3)	1.45 pm
Hello (Te)	(S-3)	7.15 pm
Okka Kshanam (Te)	(S-3)	9.55 pm
Tiger Zinda Hai (H)	(S-3)	4.20 pm
	(S-4)	10 am, 1 pm, 4 pm 7.00 pm, 9.55 pm

INOX LIVE THE MOVIE — PH: 2533444 / 2533456

Anjani Putra (K)	(S-1)	10.10 am, 1.05 pm, 4 pm 6.55 pm, 9.50 pm
Tiger Zinda Hai (H)	(S-2)	11.55 am, 3.15 pm 6.35 pm, 9.55 pm
	(S-3)	9.10 pm
	(S-4)	9.30 am, 3.50 pm
MCA (Middle Class Abbayi) (Te)	(S-3)	12.40 pm, 6.15 pm
Sakka Podu Podu Raja (Ta)	(S-3)	9.50 am
Hello (Te)	(S-3)	3.35 pm
Mufti (K)	(S-4)	12.50 pm
Mayaanadhi (Ma)	(S-4)	7.10 pm
Velaikkaran (Ta)	(S-4)	9.55 pm

Movie timings published here are subject to sudden change by the theatre managements. The films are also liable to be changed in multiplexes if there are no minimum audience of 15 to the film announced here.

EVENTS TODAY (DEC.28)

Sri Narayanaananda Vidyalaya, Hinkal: 12th anniversary celebrations, Swami Shantivratanandaji graces the occasion, Sri Narayanaananda Ashrama Vice-President N.G. Narayana presides, Department of Public Instructions Dy. Director Manjula and St. Philomena's College retd. Principal Prof. M. Krishnegowda chief guests, Vidyalaya premises, **4 pm.**

District Kannada Sahitya Parishat and Kannada Sahitya Kalakoota, Mysuru: Literary evening — Poet PuTiNa's life and writings, senior scholar Prof. K. Bhyravamurthy inaugurates, talk on PuTiNa's life and writings by Dr. P.K. Raghavendra (Asst. Professor, Government FGC, Hiriyadka, Udupi), Parishat Mysuru President Dr. Y.D. Rajanna presides, Kalakoota Mysuru President M. Chandrashekar delivers keynote address, Parishat premises, Palace North Gate, **5 pm.**

Sri Basaveshwara Educational Trust - Sandal Rode Convent: 10th Annual Day celebrations - Dasha Sambhrama (2017-18), Sri Shivanandapuri Swamiji inaugurates, Varuna Assembly Constituency Housing Committee Chairman Dr. Yathindra Siddharamaiah chief guest, Sri Basaveshwara Educational Trust President B. Basavaiah presides, Pratham Convention Hall, next to Convent, D. Salundi, **5.30 pm.**

Sri Andal Mandiram Trust: Dhanurmasa puja, discourse on 'Thiruppavai' by Dr. G.V. Narasimhan, Mandiram premises, V.V. Puram, **5.30 pm to 7 pm.**

Hebbar Srivaishnava Upasabha, Sri Goda Govinda Seva Samiti and Sri Vaishnava Sabha: 'Tiruppavai Kaalakshepa' (Sri Godopanishath) programme, discourse by Vidu. Janaki Sheshadri, Sri Vaishnava Sabha, Kantharaj Urs Road, Saraswathipuram, **5.30 pm to 7 pm.**

Sri Ramakrishna Ashrama: Swami Jnanayoganandaji speaks on 'Sri Durga Sapthashati,' Ashrama premises, Yadavagiri, **6 pm.**

Sri Vedavidya Prasarini Sabha: Sampurna Srimadramayana Discourse by Dr. K.S. Narayanacharya, Sarada Vilas College Centenary Hall, **6.15 pm to 8.15 pm.**

Sri Krishna Mithra Mandali, Sri Krishna Trust: Jnana Yajna Sambharama, Discourse on 'Harivamsha' by Dr. Vyasanakere Prabhanjanacharya, Bengaluru, Sri Krishna Auditorium, **6.30 pm.**

Sri Mahajana Sabha, Krishnamurthypuram Sri Rama Mandira, Mysuru and The Hebbar Vaishnava Upasabha, K.R. Vanam: Tirupavai Discourse by Vid. Shelvanarayana, Melukote, Krishnamurthypuram Sri Rama Mandira, Kantharaja Urs Road, **6.30 pm to 8 pm.**

Sri Venugopalaswamy Temple: Discourse on 'Thiruppavai' by Dr. G.V. Narasimhan, Temple premises, Tyagaraja Road, K.R. Mohalla, **7 pm.**

EVENTS TOMORROW (DEC.29)

Vivekanandanagar Brahmana Sabha: 'Vaikunta Ekadashi,' *darshan,* Sri Lakshminarasimhaswamy Temple, **6 am to 9.30 pm.**

City Police and Rural Literacy and Health Programme (RLHP): Crime Prevention Month, staging of street plays, Agrahara Circle, JSS Hospital premises and Nanjumalige Circle, **9 am to 11 am;** Nachanahalli Palya, Silk Factory Circle, Maruti Tent Circle, T.K. Layout, **3 pm to 6 pm.**

Sadvidya Semi Residential PU College and Sadvidya High School, Vijayanagar: Samoda (2017-18), Music University VC Dr. Sarvamangala Shankar chief invitee, Cauvery Charitable Trust President R. Vijayshekar presides, Trust Secretary M.D. Gopinath will be present, Prof. Arkanath Rangamantapa, **9.30 am.**

Vishwamanava Vidyaniketana: Vshwamanava Day-2017, Bhavageete Singing Contest, Senior theatre artiste Dr. H.K. Ramanath, Sugama Sangeetha Singers Rekha Venkatesh and Prabha Srinivasaiah will be the juries, **10 am;** Valedictory, retd. Hindi Professor G. Chandrashekar presides, retd. Regional Resource Co-ordinating Officer R. Govindaiah chief guest and distributes prizes, School premises, Ramakrishnanagar, **2 pm.**

National Career Service (NCS) Project: Job Mela, District Employment Exchange Office, Department of Employment and Training premises, N.R. Mohalla, **10 am to 4 pm.**

Aroma: Cake Festival (La fete de decembre), all varieties baked cheese cakes, Loyal World Supermarket - V.V. Mohalla / Bannimantap / Infosys / T.K. Layout / Kuvempunagar; Loyal World Market - Mall of Mysore; Aroma lounge - Bogadi Road, adjacent to AIISH / Hebbal Industrial Area; Gayathri Bhavan Building, Dhanvantri Road, **10 am onwards.**

Kuvempu Institute of Kannada Studies (KIKS), Manasagangothri: 114th birth anniversary of Kuvempu, seminar on 'Kuvempu - Yajamanya Nirachaneya Nelegalu,' folk scholar Prof. H.S. Ramachandregowda inaugurates, University of Mysore in-Charge VC Prof. C. Basavaraju presides, B.M. Shri auditorium, KIKS premises, Manasagangothri, **10.30 am.**

Department of PU Education, NSS, SBRR Mahajana PU College, Jayalakshmipuram: Valedictory of Annual NSS Camp, State Award winner Bhanu Mohan chief guest, Mahajana PU College Principal G.P. Rajeshwari will be present, Pooja Bhagavat Memorial Mahajana PG Centre, Metagalli, **4.30 pm.**

Maharshi Institutions: Annual Day celebrations of Nursery, Public School and High School, DDPI Manjula guest of honour, Omkara Ashrama Peetadipathi Swami Madhusudanananda Puri presides, JSS Law College CEO Prof. K.S. Suresh chief guest, School premises, Vishweshwaranagar, **4.30 pm.**

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Sri Nadabrahma Sangeetha Sabha, Mysuru: Bharatanatyam recital by

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Soumya Govinda Naidu from Qatar with Dr. Lakshmi Rekha Arun and Maithreyee Gururaj, Sabha premises, JLB Road, **6 pm.**

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Anikethana Seva Trust, Mysuru Nagarika Samskrutika Samsthe: Rashtrakavi Kuvempu Jayanti, Kannada Sahitya Parishat Mysuru President Dr. Y.D. Rajanna inaugurates, Corporator K.V. Mallesh presides, near Kuvempu's statue, Chitrabanu Road, Kuvempunagar, **7 pm.**

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Department of Food and Civil Supplies: Food and Cake Festival, Nanjaraja Bahadur Choultry, **up to 10 pm;** Kamsale Dance, **5.30 pm to 6.30 pm;** Folk Songs, **6.30 pm to 10.30 pm.**

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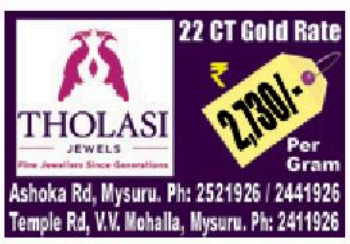

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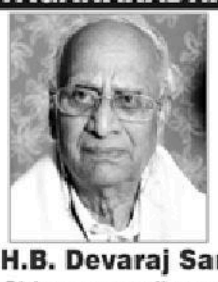

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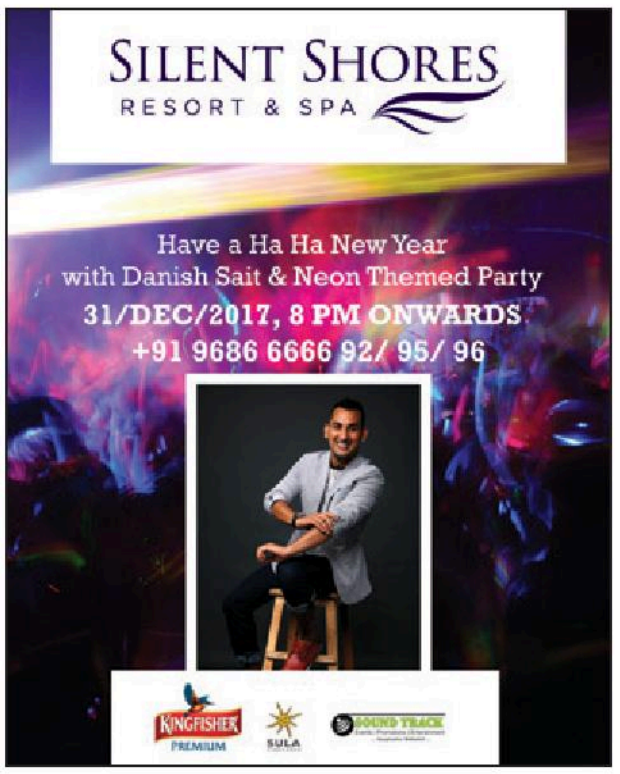

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